

BellSouth's argument appears to revolve around "cable modems don't have to provide choice, and therefore why should we?". I consider this absurd. I'm a happy technically adept user of a DSL line, chosen specifically because I can pick a good ISP that provides the services I want and need. If the phone companies no longer have to provide DSL services I'll be entirely unable to find a fast reliable connection for my work. Verizon cable modems and other similar large consumer ISPs may work for the majority of the population, but many of us find their service flaky and incomplete.

Their theory that granting them a total monopoly on DSL connections would be "in the public interest" is absurd at best, and an obvious grab for more market share.

If BellSouth wants true equality between broadband providers why not lobby to have the same regulations placed on cable modems?

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